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1. DURING HIS CALL ON NEW MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ANDRE OLEFFE ON MAY 9, AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE TOOK THE OCCASION TO RAISE THE F-104, ARTICLE XXIV:6, AND DIRECT INVESTMENT ISSUES.

2. REPLACEMENT OF F-104 AIRCRAFT. AMBASSADOR STRESSED OUR DESIRE THAT A DECISION ON THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE F-104 BE TAKEN ON THE TECHNICAL AND MILITARY MERITS OF THE AIRCRAFT AND NOT SIMPLY ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF COMMONALITY IN NATO WEAPONS SYSTEMS, NOTING THAT IF BELGIUM ALONE BOUGHT A REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FROM A NON-ACTIVE NATO MEMBER, IT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE SOLIDARITY OF NATO.

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3. AMBASSADOR CALLED ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO QUICKLY REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT TO THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR SOME SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO GIVE ON THE PART OF THE COMMON MARKET AND SAID THAT THE BELGIAN CONCERNS OVER THE DUMPERS AND OUTBOARD MOTORS SEEMED TO BE HOLDING THIS UP. HE MENTIONED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN THE PASSAGE OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT AND THAT CRITICS WERE WATCHING EC REACTIONS CLOSELY FOR SIGNS OF WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE.

4. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ISSUE OF THE TREATMENT OF DIRECT INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO RULES GOVERNING THE TREATMENT OF NEW INVESTMENTS, TAKEN UP MORE VIGOROUSLY IN THE OECD AND THAT, IF A CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE ALSO MENTIONED MR. FLANIGAN'S CALL ON MINISTER DE CLERQ DURING WHICH THE LATTER HAD SAID THAT BELGIAN POLICY WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH OURS.

5. MINISTER OLEFFE SAID THAT, AS WE KNEW, HE HAD JUST ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AND THAT HE HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF THE SUBJECTS RAISED. HE THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR RAISING THESE MATTERS AND SAID HE WOULD BRIEF HIMSELF ON THEM SOON. BOOCHEVER

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